

**MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 • 1:15 p.m. • 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy

Rep. Edward H. Redd

Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Members Absent:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
President Wayne L. Niederhauser
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards

Staff Present:

Ms. Alysha S. Gardner, Staff Economist
Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst
Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Call to Order

Chair Ray called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Chair Ray announced that Rep. Edwards and Sen. Christensen are excused from this meeting. Chair Ray announced that the Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Subcommittee will be joining later.

2. Unfinished Items from the Morning Agenda

There was no unfinished items discussed.

3. Federal Funding Changes

Ms. Ann Silverberg Williamson, Executive Director, Department of Human Services, explained federal funding changes.

3b-DHS Federal Funds - Commission on Federalism - 2-24-17

[3b-DHS Federal Funds - Commission on Federalism - 2-24-17](#)

Chair Ray, Rep. Redd and Rep. Hawkes raised questions, with a response from Ms. Williamson.

Ms. Emma Chacon, Operations Director, Department of Health discussed federal funding changes.

3a-Utah Legislature's Commission on Federalism - February 2017

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3d-2016 Federal Receipts Reporting - Social Services 2017

[3d-2016 Federal Receipts Reporting - Social Services 2017](#)

Mr. Jonathan Hardy, Division Director, Housing and Community Development, Department of Workforce Services, discussed federal funding changes.

4. Drug Courts and DORA (Drug Offender Reform Act)

Mr. Doug Thomas, Director, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH), and Mr. Brent Kelsey, Assistant Director, DSAMH, discussed Drug Courts and the Drug Offender Reform Act (DORA). Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst, and Chair Ray, gave clarification on what is to be discussed for this presentation.

Rep. Redd raised a question for Mr. Thomas and Mr. Kelsey, with a response by Mr. Kelsey.

5. Medication-Assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder

Mr. Kelsey and Mr. Seth Teague, Salt Lake County Behavioral Health, discussed Medication-Assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder. Vivitrol is the medication-assisted treatment that was discussed.

5-Intent Language Report - Salt Lake County MAT Program - October 2017

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Sen. Escamilla and Rep. Redd asked questions and made comments, with responses from Mr. Kelsey and Mr. Teague.

Mr. Steve Haverts, Regional Director, Discovery House, discussed methadone, another option of medication-assisted treatment for substance abuse.

Questions were raised by Rep. Redd and Rep. Ward, concerning methadone, with Mr. Haverts responding.

Chair Ray welcomed the EOCJ Subcommittee, and explained that the joint meeting would be starting after the discussion of Medication-Assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder was finished.

Mr. Brian Carrico, President, Innovative Health Solutions, explained a new evidenced based nonpharmacological, nonsurgical technology in the world to treat pain and opioid withdrawal symptoms at the level of the brain and pain in the central nervous system, called The Bridge. This should be approved by the FDA, hopefully by Friday.

6. Beginning of Joint Discussion with the Executive Offices and Criminal Justice (EOCJ)

Chair Ray explained that the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee would take a slight break while EOCJ Chair Hutchings called the EOCJ meeting to order, and explained how this joint committee would proceed. Chair Ray then reconvened the joint meeting.

7. Suspension of Medicaid Coverage for Incarcerated Individuals

Chair Ray explained questions that he would like answered as the next agenda items are discussed.

Ms. Chacon explained suspension of medicaid coverage for incarcerated individuals.

Sen. Shiozawa, Rep. Cutler, Rep. Thurston, Rep. Redd, Rep. Chavez-Houck, and Rep. Ward raised questions about Medicaid eligibility, with responses from Ms. Chacon and Mr. Dale Ownby, Division Director, Eligibility Services Division, Department of Workforce Services.

Rep. Hutchings made a follow-up comment concerning Medicaid coverage.

Ms. Chacon gave a short explanation on the expansion of Medicaid, which is part of agenda item 10.

Chair Ray announced that agenda item 9 would be not be considered today, but moved to an agenda on another day.

8. Mental Health Crisis Response Funding Needs

Rep. Eliason, assisted by Mr. Thomas, explained a commission that was set up for the Mental Health Crisis Line and its funding needs.

8-Recommendations from Mental Health Crisis Line Commission - October 2017

[8-Recommendations from Mental Health Crisis Line Commission - October 2017](#)

Rep. Chavez-Houck stated a comment and question concerning the supply of mental health providers in the State, with responses from Rep. Eliason and Mr. Thomas.

Chair Ray turned the Chair to Rep. Hutchings.

9. Forensic Competency Restoration Impact on Jails

This agenda item was not discussed.

10. Remaining Budget Needs of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) and Funding Options

Rep. Hutchings assumed the Chair and introduced his special guest.

Mr. Dane Otto met Chair Hutchings at an Addicts to Athletes meeting and was asked by Chair Hutchings to discussed the Rio Grande Project and what it did for him and his friends.

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Mr. Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst, Ms. Lence, and Mr. Alex Wilson, Fiscal Analyst, explained an issue brief on the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) and their recommendations.

10a-Issue Brief - 2017 Interim - JRI Remaining Needs

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Rep. Ray resumed the chair.

MOTION: Rep. Ward moved to request 1. that the Department of Corrections and the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) set aside the approximately \$334,000 in unexpended FY 2017 JRI funds, and that the Executive Offices and Criminal Justice (EOCJ) Subcommittee consider a one-time reallocation of those funds during the 2018 General Session. 2. that, if the Utah Association of Counties or any other entity submits a funding request for substance use disorder and mental health treatment related to JRI in a future General Session that they, in coordination with the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH), provide to the Social Services (SS) Subcommittee an updated estimate of the per-person cost and the number of individuals requiring treatment based on historical data since the start of JRI, as well as describing how changes to the Medicaid program due to H.B. 437 (2016 General Session) impacted that estimate, and 3. that the Drug Offender Reform Act (DORA) Oversight Committee report to both the EOCJ and Social Services (SS) Appropriations Subcommittees about the demand for and outcomes of the DORA program by the 2018 General Session, in order to provide the Legislature with the necessary information to consider repurposing the funds. The motion passed with a vote of 12-0-4.

Yeas-12

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck

Sen. L. Escamilla

Rep. T. Hawkes

Sen. D. Hemmert

Rep. S. Hollins

Rep. P. Ray

Rep. E. Redd

Sen. B. Shiozawa

Rep. N. Thurston

Sen. K. Van Tassell

Rep. R. Ward

Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. A. Christensen

Rep. R. Edwards

Rep. M. Kennedy

Sen. W. Niederhauser

Sen. Shiozawa commented on the motions.

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Rep. Hutchings assumed the Chair.

Chair Hutchings commented on the budget outline on page 6 of the issue brief just discussed.

Ms. Doreen Weyland, Program Manager, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ), and Ms. Sophia Nystrom, Research Consultant, CCJJ, gave a powerpoint presentation on the Utah Justice Reinvestment Initiative.

10c-JRI Presentation - October 18, 2017

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Rep. Ray excused the Senators for a meeting they needed to attend.

Chair Hutchings and Rep. Ray asked about the justice involved clients admitted to substance use treatment facilities. Mr. Kelsey responded.

Rep. King and Rep. Romero raised questions concerning substance use treatment facilities, with responses from Mr. Kelsey and Chair Hutchings.

Ms. Weyland and Ms. Nystrom continued with their presentation.

Rep. Ray raised a question concerning property crime, with response from Ms. Nystrom and Ms. Weyland.

11. Other Business

Chair Hutchings asked if there was any further joint committee discussion. The EOCJ committee adjourned. Rep. Ray assumed the chair and expressed thanks to the subcommittees and staff, as well as the presentors.

Chair Ray announced that this is the last meeting before the General Session and thanked the subcommittee and staff.

MOTION: Rep. Ward moved to adjourn.

Chair Ray adjourned the Social Services meeting at 4:34 p.m..